

The Daily Courant.

Friday, March 17 1704

Monsieur de Mellaredes Memorial to the Swiss Cantons, continued.

THE French having possess'd themselves of great Part of Savoy, employ'd all their Cunning to keep what they had usurp'd. Did they not set their Wits at work, to decry the Conduct of the 2 laudable Cantons of Bern and Friburg, throughout Switzerland? Did they not use their utmost Artifice to dissolve the Union and mutual Confidence that are so necessary to be kept up in the Helvetick Body, and which as long as they subsist, will render you the Terror of those that think of attacking you; and gain you the Respect and Esteem of all the rest of Europe?

Then, finding it was in vain to endeavour to divert the Canton of Zurich from entering into the Sentiments of Precaution and Distrust that influenc'd the 2 laudable Cantons of Bern and Friburg to take those Measures they thought proper, and that those 3 Cantons were determin'd to come to a plain Understanding with France touching the said Neutrality; then I say, the Marquess de Puiseux, who should have given you a positive Answer long before, and might have given it you the common Way without putting you to a needless Trouble, signified to the laudable Canton of Zurich, that he had Orders from his King to desire you to hold a Diet at Soluthurn, where he would acquaint you at large with his most Christian Majesty's Intentions: So all the Deputies of the laudable Helvetick Body were oblig'd to repair to the Place where the Marquess de Puiseux ordinarily Resides, that they might learn what those Intentions were: And he who is an Ambassador sent to you, and consequently is under an Obligation of taking the usual Methods of addressing himself to you, made you attend upon him, if I may dare to say so, just as if you were his Dependants.

He might have made some amends for such a Proceeding, had he granted your Demands at Soluthurn, and secur'd your Peace and Tranquility by giving you proper Assurances in relation to your Frontiers: But France had no such Intention; this was inconsistent with their Designs upon your Liberty; they would not break the Schemes they had laid for its Destruction. 'Tis true the Marquess de Puiseux, in his Speech of the 18th of this Month, assures you of his King's Affection for you, promises you his Neighbourhood shall always be advantageous to you, and give you just Grounds of Satisfaction; he very pompously sets forth the Favours which, he pretends, you have receiv'd from him; and thence infers, that you may for the future expect the like: But these are Words only, and yet are Words that tho' they have a friendly Sound, still the Repetition of Favour, (which he says you have receiv'd and will receive from France) carries an abusive and provoking Sense. Is such Language to be used to a powerful Nation, without whose help France would perhaps be an Object of Pity, not, as they are now, of Terror, in the Eyes of Europe? But, Experience has instructed you, how dangerous it is to be approach'd by them, and that they have made no other Use of the Neighbourhood they have usurp'd along your Frontiers, than to endeavour to cramp the Freedom of your Resolutions, by several Impressions of Fear which they have industriously try'd to spread among you;

And in this very Speech, wherein the Marquess de Puiseux assures you so magnificently of his King's Affection, he refuses you the equitable things you desir'd of him; And in what manner does he make this Refusal? Truly in such a Manner as ought to excite your Indignation; because, after he has granted you nothing of what you demanded, he dares undertake to persuade you, that the Offers he makes you, are the very Things you demanded of him.

I will say nothing of the Reservations and Equivocations, by which he eludes giving you intire Satisfaction, on the side of Germany; I promise myself, that those who are employ'd by his Imperial Majesty, will make you thoroughly sensible of his Artifice. I will only tell you, that he, knowing the Emperor cannot, because of his Engagements with the Empire and his high Allies, yield to any thing that does but look like a Neutrality, puts such Reservations into all the Declarations he makes touching the Security of the Places situate on the side of the Lake of Constance, as will furnish the French with sufficient Pretences to fall upon those Places, the first favourable Opportunity; especially if by their Arts they can prevail with part of your laudable Body to quit the Resolutions they have taken to preserve their Frontiers.

But, let me beg you, most Illustrious and most puissant Lords, to reflect on the Proceedings of the Marquess de Puiseux in relation to Savoy: He says, you demanded as a Favour of his King, the Neutrality of a Tract of Country of a League in Extent on the side of the Lake of Geneva; and this, he tells you, was all you desir'd. What a Condition are they in, who have any Affair to negotiate with France, seeing the Ministers of that Court, without Shame or Scruple, offer to impose upon you in things that were transacted in a publick Assembly, and are fresh in remembrance? Is there a Man in Switzerland who is ignorant that you solicited a Neutrality for all Savoy? But my former Answers to the Marquess de Puiseux's Pieces, shew this is not the first time I have made appear to you, that he can assert his own Fictions to be real and publick Facts.

As for the Offer France makes, to entrust the Chablais and the Faucign to your keeping, which the Marquess de Puiseux calls a Sacrifice of the King's just Resentments to your Importunity, a Proof of his extream Condescension to you; and sets forth the Merit of it, to incite you to Gratitude; for, his most Christian Majesty (he tells you) foresees all the Consequences of it: As for what he proposes on this Subject, I say, the true Designs of France have not escap'd your Penetration: You observ'd immediately, that this Condescension, this Sacrifice, consists only in engaging you to support that Monarch in his Usurpations; and that such Offers, instead of tending to your Security, are directly levell'd against it. In plain Terms, most Illustrious and most Puissant Lords, the King of France, knowing with how much Resolution and Probity you maintain your Engagements, is very sure that if you accept from his Hands the Chablais and Faucign, and undertake to guard them, you will do all you can to keep those Provinces for him against all those who should pretend to attack them, and consequently would hinder his Royal Highness, your Neighbour, your Friend, and your Ally, from taking Possession of his Patri-

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mony: He knows besides, that the guarding those 2 Provinces would weaken you, because you would be oblig'd to employ many Forces in defending a Country that has not one Place of Strength in it; and which lies so open to his Arms on all sides, that you could not hold it out against him longer than he should think fit. But, 'twas not to Persons so clear-sighted as you, that the Marquess de Puisieux should have address'd himself with such Illusions; 'twas not to a Nation so just as yours that he should have propos'd, in the Name of France, the guarding of the Territories of a Prince, whose Breast is fill'd with Esteem and Affection for you, and whose Neighbourhood was always agreeable to you, and never gave you any cause of Jealousie.

The rest of this Memorial will be inserted in tomorrow's Courant.

London, March 17. On the 15th Sir Samuel Dashwood was chosen President of the Hospital of Bridewell, in the room of Sir Robert Jefferies deceased.

Yesterday Stocks were as follows, Bank 133. Shares 30 & 3 qrs. Old Comp. 133 & a half. New Comp. 235 & a half. Million Bank 91 & 1 qr. Sword Blades 90 & 3 qrs. African 20 & 3 qrs. Army Debentures 84.

At the Desire of several Persons of Quality.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, tomorrow being Saturday the 18th of March, will be reviv'd a Comedy call'd, *The Jovial Crew*, or, *The Merry Beggars*. All the Parts being plaid to the best Advantage. With Dancing by Monsieur du Ruel, Monsieur Gervier, Mrs. Mayers, and the Devonshire Girl. And the Famous Signiora Francisca Margareta de l'Epine, will perform three new Entertainments of Singing in Italian, the Musick that accompanies her compos'd by Signior Giacomo Greber.

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AT the New Theatre in Little-Lincolns-Inn-Fields, tomorrow being Saturday the 18th of March, will be presented a Comedy call'd, *The Scornful Lady*. The Part of Savil the Steward to be perform'd by Mr. Dogget.

Next Week will be publish'd,

THE Case of Physicians and Patients not yet desperate, the Recovery frequently appearing after the worst Symptoms. Or, a Representation of the great Wisdom and Concern for the publick Welfare of the last Age, in the Act of Parliament of K. Henry 8. which provides, that no Unexamined Person shall practice, that the Sick may not be kill'd by his Ignorance, and that none shall practice having their Rewards only from the Gain of their Remedies, because the unhappy People of all Conditions will have too many useles or dangerous very dear Doses, that they may even in slight Diseases be almost undone or destroy'd.

WHEREAS Mr. William Copper's Anatomy of Humane Bodies, with 114 large Figures from copper Plates drawn after the Life, and printed at Oxford in Folio, hath of late been sold above the usual price, being scarce, by reason that some of the Cuts were not perfected: Notice is hereby given, That those few Copies remaining are now compleatly finish'd with all the Additional Letters of Reference done by him, and for distinction are mark'd in Red, and will be sold as formerly, viz. the Royal Paper for 5 l. and the Imperial for 6 l. handsomely bound and gilt on the back, until the 25th of this instant March, by the Undertakers Sam. Smith and Benj. Walford at the Prince's Arms in St. Paul's Church-yard; after which time, if any remain unsold, the price will be rais'd considerably.

AT the Blue-Anchor-Inn in Duck-lane, this present Friday, continues the Sale of a curious Collection of Books, most Gilt and Letter'd on the back, the Prices of each Book being put on the first Leaf. With Pamphlets and Sermons to pick at reasonable Rates.

A Sermon preach'd before the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament Assembled, in the Abbey-Church of Westminster, on Monday January 31. 1703-4. The Fast-day for the Martyrdom of King Charles I. By George Lord Bishop of St. Asaph. Printed for Walter Kierulky at the Bishop's Head in St. Paul's Church-yard.

This day is publish'd.

THE MONTHLY REGISTER: Or Memoirs of the Affairs of Europe, &c. Digested from the several Advices that came to England in February 1704. Without any Reflections. To be continued Monthly. Printed for Sam. Buckley at the Dolphin in Little-Britain. And Sold by A. Baldwin in Warwick-Lane. Price 6 d.

WHEREAS on March the 6th and 11th inst. several People were couch'd of Cataracts for Charity and immediately brought to sight by Dr. WILLIAM READ the Approved Oculist, at his House in Durham-Yard in the Strand, which Operations were so well and successfully perform'd, without pain or much confinement, in the presence of Sir Edmond King Collegiate Physician, to his great Satisfaction, that he was pleas'd as a mark of his Favour (for encouraging so curious an Art) to present Dr. Read with a Set of Gold couching Needles. The said Dr. Read daily gives Advice and cures all curable Distempers incident to the Eyes, and several lately that have been injur'd by Women and suchlike Impostors, as appear by daily complaints. He also takes off all Wens, Excesses, Cancers, and cures double or single Hair Lips without Deformity, and cures wry Necks tho' never so much contracted; he extracts the Polypus in the Nose, and hath lately taken a Wen from a Gentlewoman weighing 24 pounds, with several others, and cancerated Breasts, which he hath by him, without any effusion of Blood, after the application of his famous Styptic Water, which all People may be furnish'd with at his House abovemention'd.

THE Feminine Monarchy: Or the History of Bees; Shewing their Admirable Nature and Property, their Generation and Colony, their Government, Loyalty, Art, Industry, Enemies, Wars, Magnanimity, &c. Together with the right ordering of them from time to time, and the sweet Profit arising thereof. Written in Latin by Charles Butler, and now translated into English by W. S. To which is added some Observations of Silk Worms, and how to manage and keep them to Advantage, never before made publick. Sold by A. Baldwin at the Oxford-Arms in Warwick-lane. Price 1 s.

THE Superiority and Direct Dominion of the Imperial Crown of England, over the Crown and Kingdom of Scotland, and the Divine Right of Succession to both Crowns Inseparable from the Civil, Asserted. In Answer to Sir Thomas Craig's Treatises of Homage and Succession. Occasionally detecting several material Errors of Sir George Mackenzie, and other eminent Authors. Printed for J. Hartley next Door to the King's-Head Tavern in Holbourn.

A Most excellent Plaster for Corns, as ever was invented, not only presently removing the Anguish thereof, so that you may walk about with the greatest Ease imaginable, but likewise by a short continuance of its Use (as order'd in the Directions) quite deadning them to the root, insensibly and safely, so as to prevent their growing any more in the same place, as hath been happily experienc'd by many. Is to be had only at Mr. Scampton's at the Angel over against the Mermaid Tavern in Cornhill, at Mr. Osborn's at the Rose and Crown the East corner under St. Dunstan's Church in Fleet-street, and at Mr. Girard's at the three Flower-de-Luces near Northumberland-house by Charing-Cross Toy-shops, at 1 s. per Box, seal'd up with a Cupid floating upon the Sea, with this Motto, *Art finds Means*. Beware of a Counterfeit, for such is abroad, the True (prepar'd by the first Author) which hath met with such Approbation, is only to be had at the places abovesaid, and no where else.

DR. FLETCHER'S POWDER (formerly of Gutter-lane, Chymist) having cured many desperate Diseases, is only sold in Fetter-lane next door to the White-Horse-Inn, by Mr. Steffkin who married the Doctor's only Daughter, and was carefully instructed by him several Years before his Death to prepare the said Powder and other Preparations. The said Mr. Steffkin conceives it a publick Benefit to acquaint those that have already found great Advantage by them, and others, where they may have it, that so they may not be impos'd upon to their hurt. This Powder is sold at six Pence per Paper, and Directions to use it.

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